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IN RE: NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION OPIATE LITIGATION

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Hon. Dan Aaron Polster

RESPONSE TO PLAINTIFFS' MOTION TO MODIFY PROTECTIVE ORDER RE: DEA'S ARCOS/DADS DATABASE

Pharmacy Defendants¹ respectfully file this response to Plaintiffs' motion to modify the protective order with respect to the ARCOS database.

Plaintiffs seek leave to modify the protective order to permit them to disclose "suspicious order reports," 'unprocessed ARCOS data," and "county level processed ARCOS data and certain county level reports, generated from the unprocessed ARCOS data" to "counsel for State Attorneys General, cities, counties, Native American Tribes, and hospitals for use in litigation in any court throughout the United States." ECF 1447 at 2. Plaintiffs suggest that sharing this information would "refine the process of identifying the proper defendants." *Id.*

Pharmacy Defendants join the Distributor Defendants opposition to Plaintiffs' motion. If the Court does not deny plaintiffs' motion, in addition to the more stringent controls to mitigate the risk of unauthorized disclosure requested by Distributor Defendants, Pharmacy Defendants request that copies of any reports that have been or are to be shared with other actual or potential plaintiffs should also be provided to Defendants.

¹ This response is being filed on behalf of CVS Indiana, L.L.C, Discount Drug Mart, Inc., HBC Service Company, Kroger Co., Rite Aid of Maryland, Walgreens Boots Alliance Inc., and Walmart Inc.

Because these reports are being relied on to "identif[y] the proper defendants"

Defendants should have the right to review the reports and assess their accuracy. To the extent that the reports contain errors, it is in the interest of both Plaintiffs and Defendants that those errors be corrected, at a minimum of time and expense to the parties.

WHEREFORE, Pharmacy Defendants respectfully request that the Court should order that Defendants also receive copies of any reports or processed ARCOS data distributed by Plaintiffs.

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